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Subject: RE: Supreme Court - OK reservation case

Wow! Thanks for this update! Andy, who do you think would be a good attorney to ask to speak to this on our next tribal WQS workgroup call – Tod and Tina (R6)?

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FYI, I sent this around to our tribal program list just a few minutes ago.

From: Byrne, Andrew

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Attached is a high level summary that came out just after the opinion was announced. In the next few days I assume legal analysts on SCOTUSblog will have a more detailed analysis which may be of interest. It would be posted on the following site: https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/mcgirt-v-oklahoma/

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From: Byrne, Andrew

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(Bcc to TPMs)

Today is the final day of the current Supreme Court term and the Court issued its decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, finding that the Muscogee Creek Reservation was never diminished. Justice Gorsuch authored the 5-4 opinion, his reasoning is based in his finding that Congress never explicitly terminated the Reservation. You can find a link to the decision below, we will see if we can have a discussion on the implications of the case on an upcoming TPM call.

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-9526_9okb.pdf

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